



**Minutes**  
**Governor's Traffic Stop Advisory Board**  
**Best Practices Sub-Committee**  
**August 21, 2008**

**Members Present:** Jean-Jacques Cabou, Sal Rivera

**Members Absent:** None

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**3. Review of subcommittee goals and purposes**

The Committee discussed the need to review the best practices of other police departments and oversight agencies in order to propose recommendations to the full board.

**4. Discussion of Models for Civilian Oversight Body**

The Committee discussed the increasing prevalence of civilian review in policing agencies across the US and the world. The committee discussed the need for Arizona and DPS to implement meaningful civilian review procedures at DPS. The committee also discussed the need to tailor any such program to the needs of the state and of the Department. The committee will recommend to the full board that the Board issue recommendations to the governor to create a civilian review component to DPS officer discipline.

**5. Discussion of Models for Mediation Programs:**

The committee discussed the increasing prevalence and success of mediation programs as part of civilian review in departments across the country and internationally. The committee will recommend to the full board that it urge the State and DPS to include mediation in the development of a new civilian review/oversight process.

**6. Discussion of Model Practices Regarding Consent Searches**

The Committee discussed the current DPS order on consent searches and discussed the fact that large policing agencies, including California Highway Patrol, are abolishing consent searches in recognition of the fact that the circumstances under which they take place are inherently coercive. The committee will recommend to the full board that it urge the State and DPS to immediately take steps to curtail or eliminate the use of "consent" searches. Prominent among steps that the committee feels should take without delay is amendment of the general order to abolish the ability of officers to sign consent forms on behalf of motorists who refuse to do so.